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# West African food security strategies: Rice policies at the crossroads.



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# Rice: a key commodity for food “securisation” in West Africa



- ❑ The “food crisis” led to the revitalization of public funded programs for rice production increase.
- ❑ Rice represents 25% of total food import value (2000-2006 average).
- ❑ Policy options: imports substitutions versus rice trade liberalization.

# Justification and hypothesis

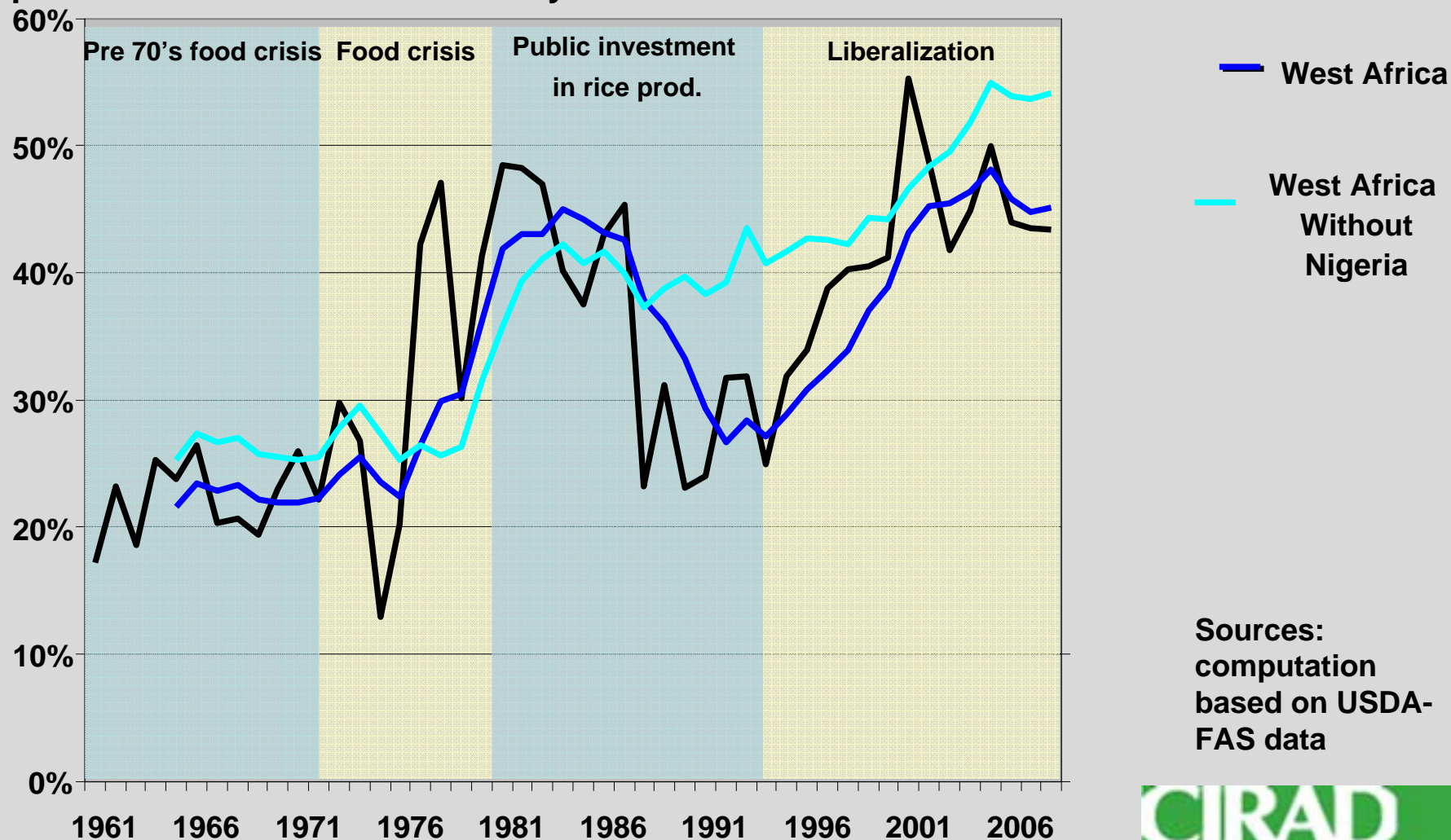


- ❑ The case for rice policy analysis in West Africa:
  - **Two decades of alternative public and market led policy** provide a relevant basis to compare their relative efficiency in improving food security.
  - **Diverse policy and rice sector** configurations encountered in the sub-region.
- ❑ Hypothesis: both public and market led policies' outcomes have been mitigated because they have neglected the importance of **marketing operations** for achieving a sustainable food security.

# Imports share of rice market and policies sequence



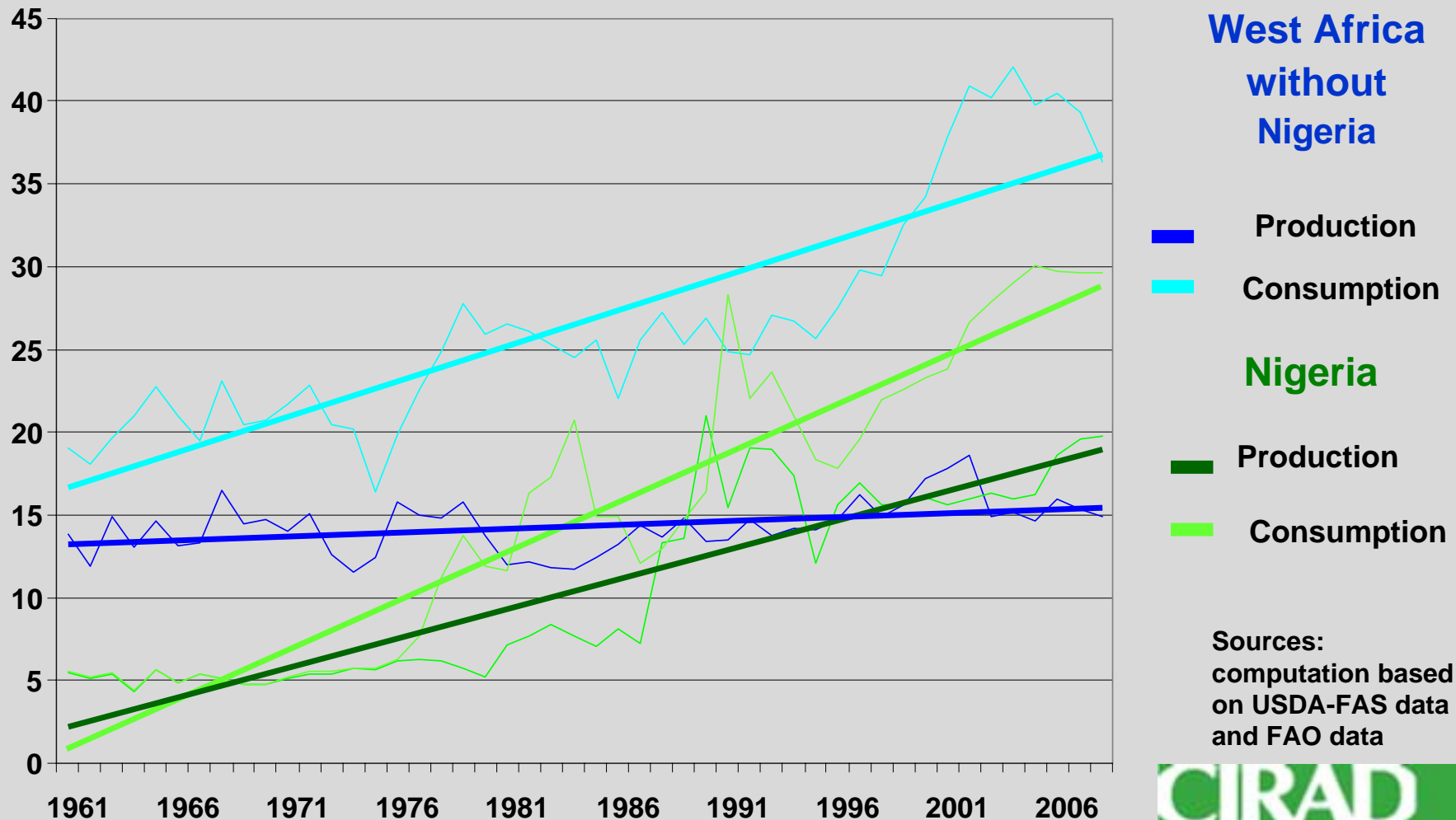
## Import share of total rice availability



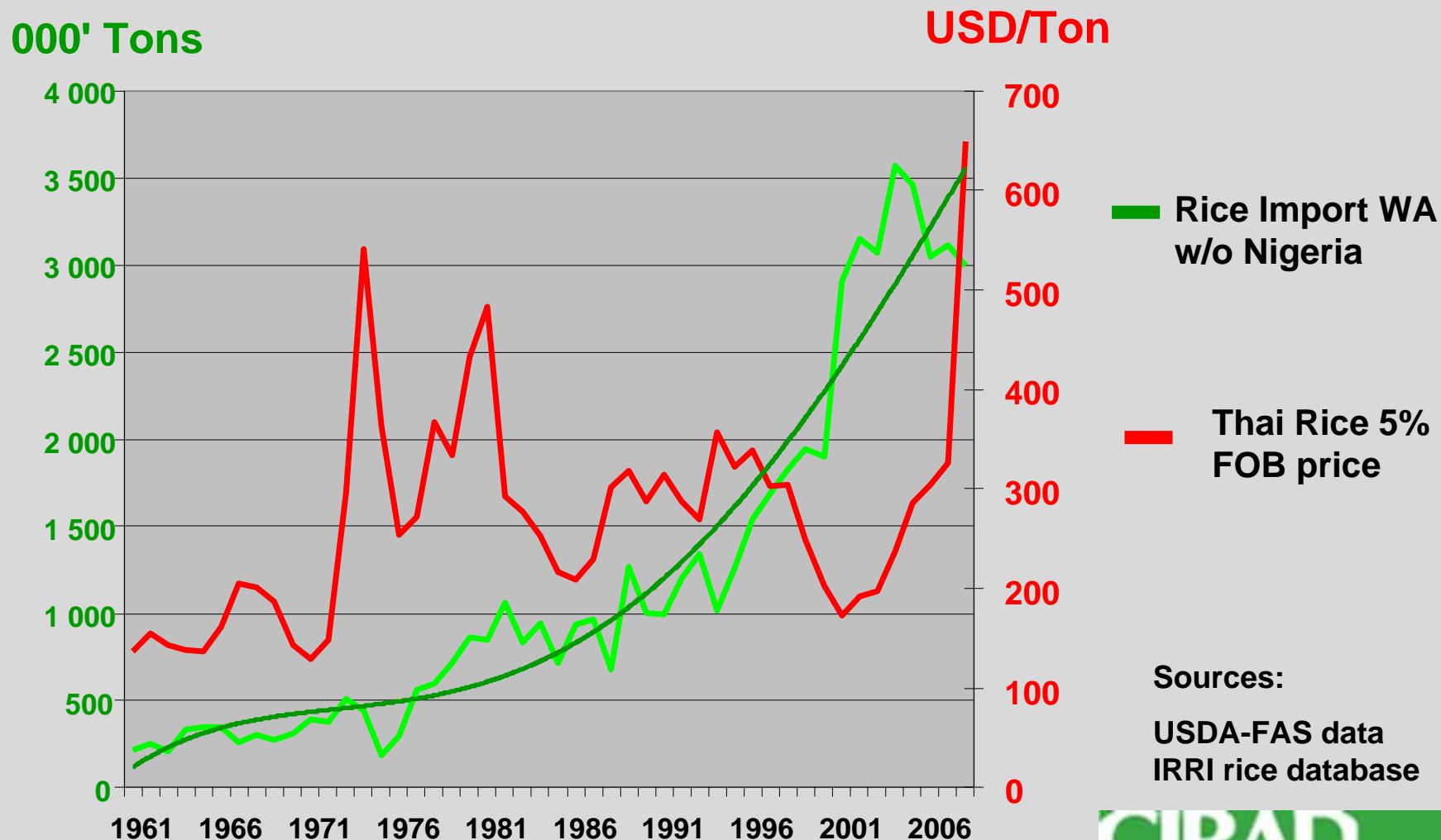
# A diet transition rather than a food crisis



Kg/per year/per capita



# A diet transition accelerated by low rice price on the world market

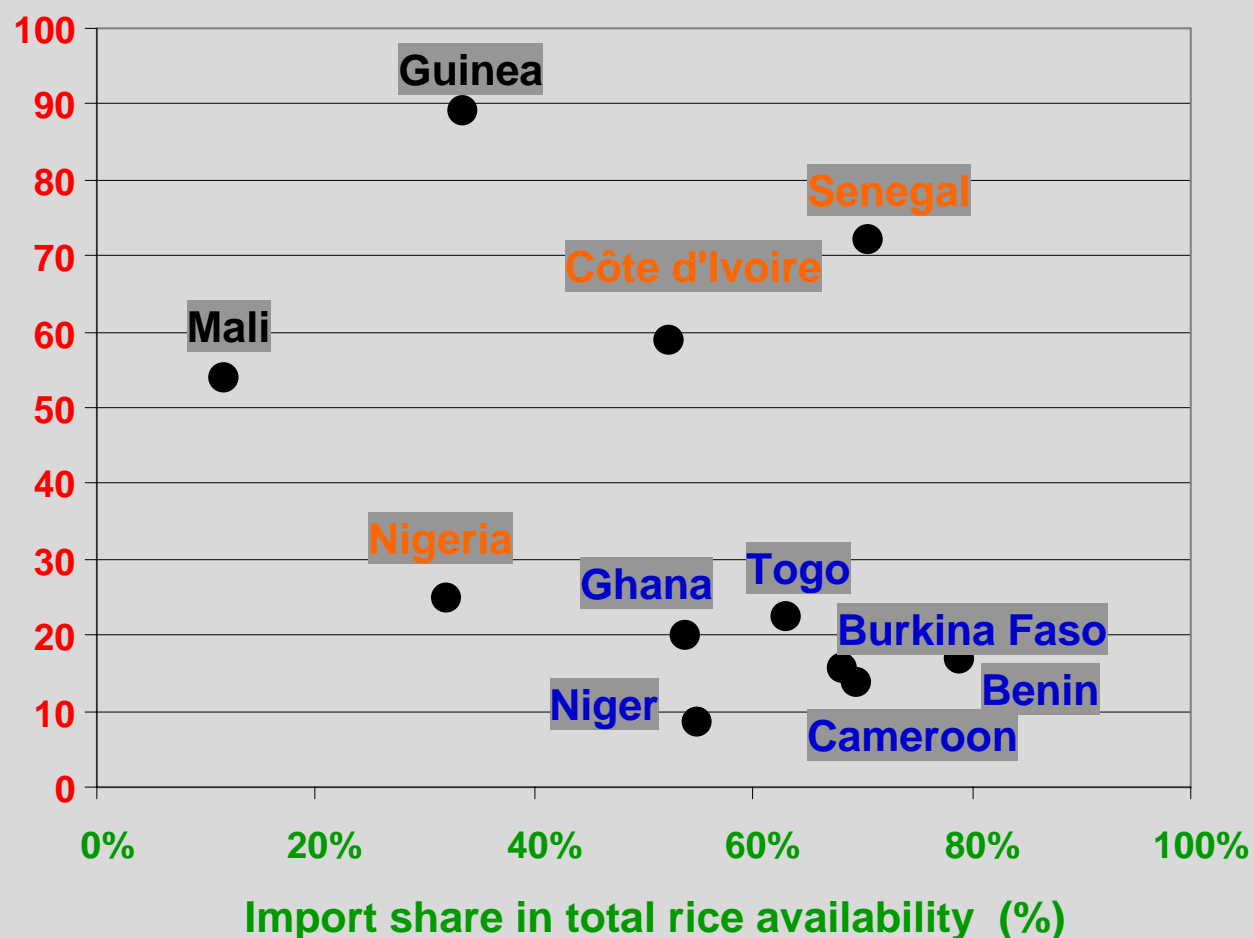


# An heterogeneous and contrasted situation across the sub region



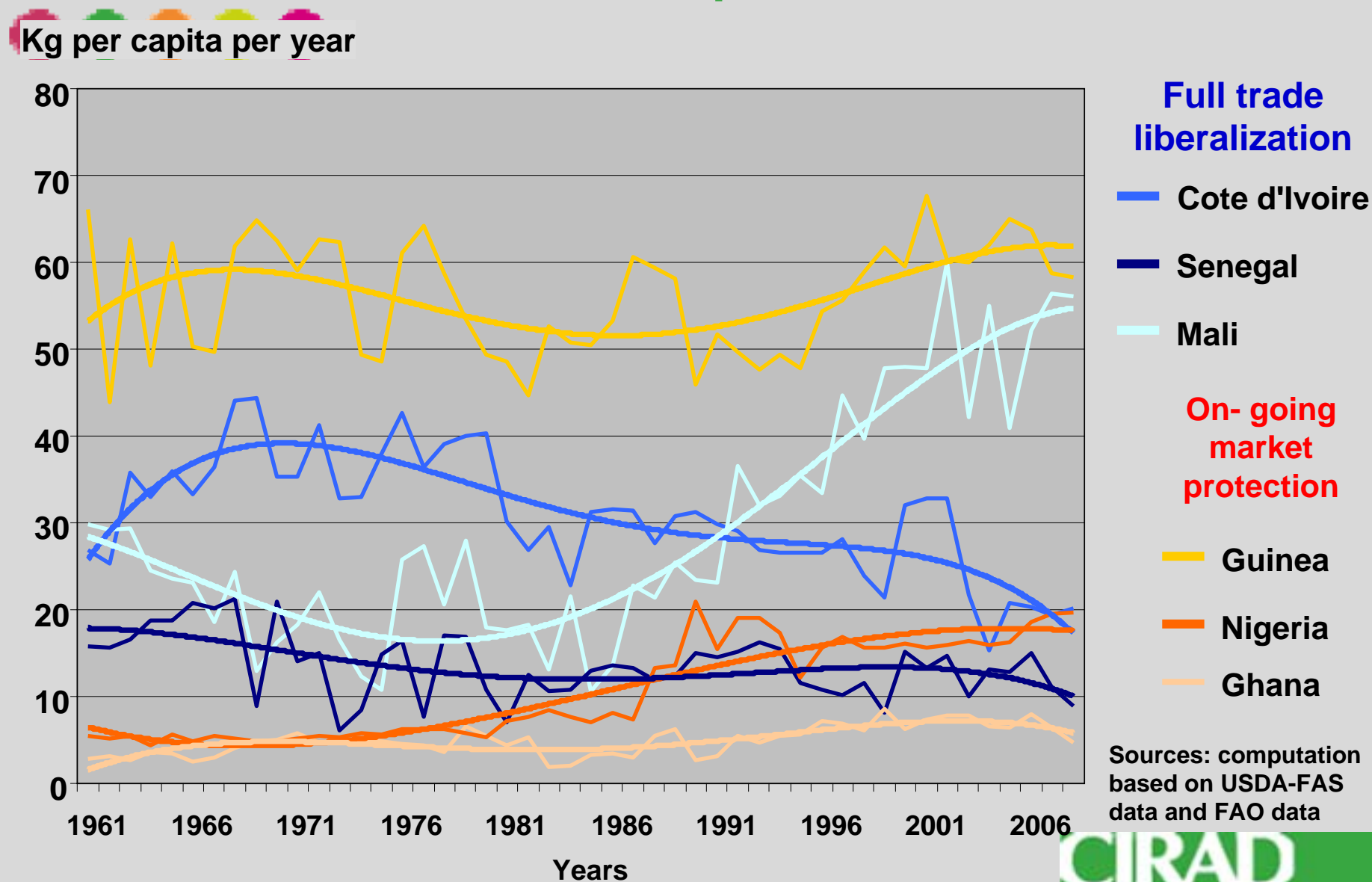
Per capita annual consumption (kg)

Average for 2000-2007



Sources:  
computation  
based on USDA-  
FAS data

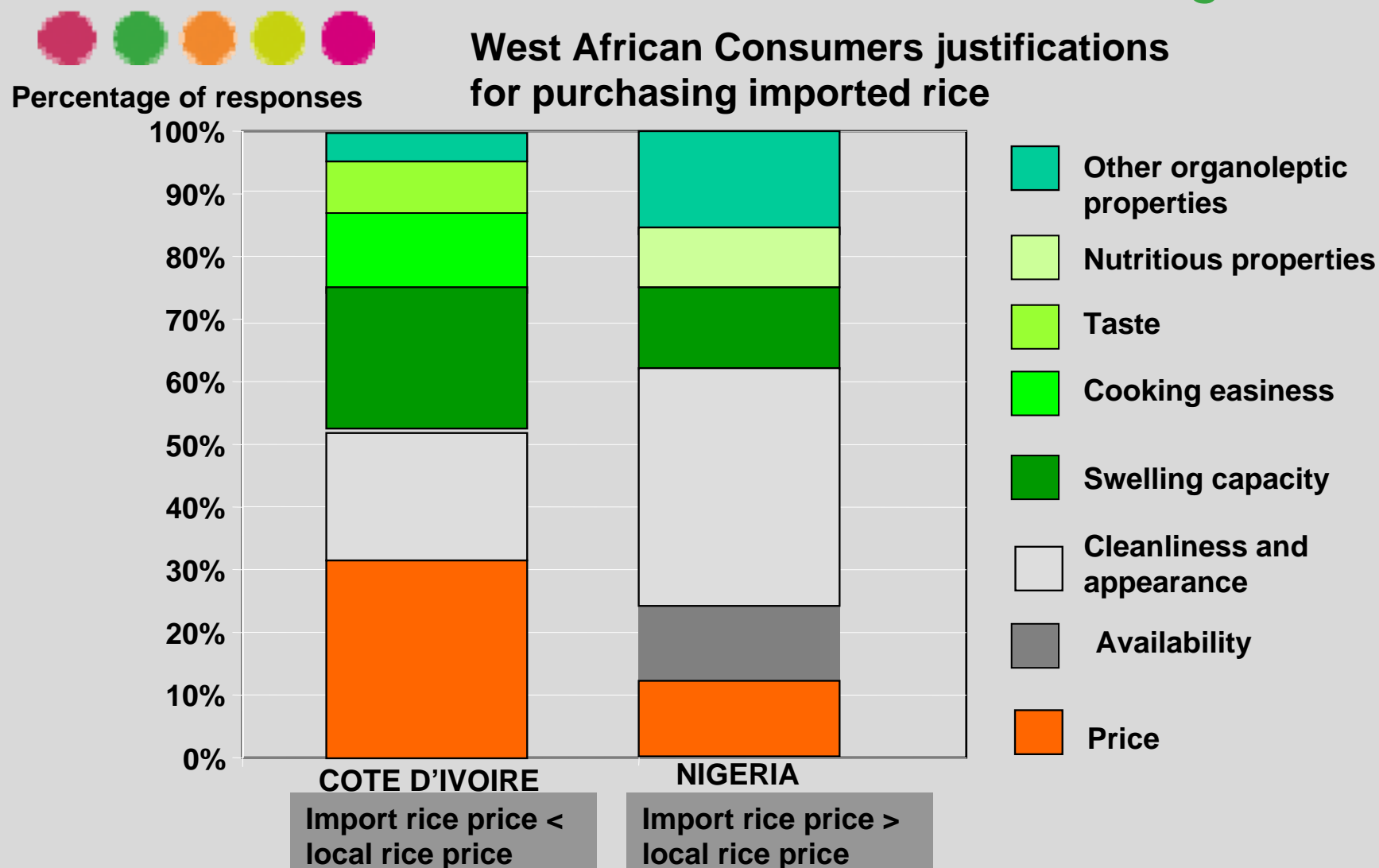
# Discrepancies between trade policy options and domestic rice production trends





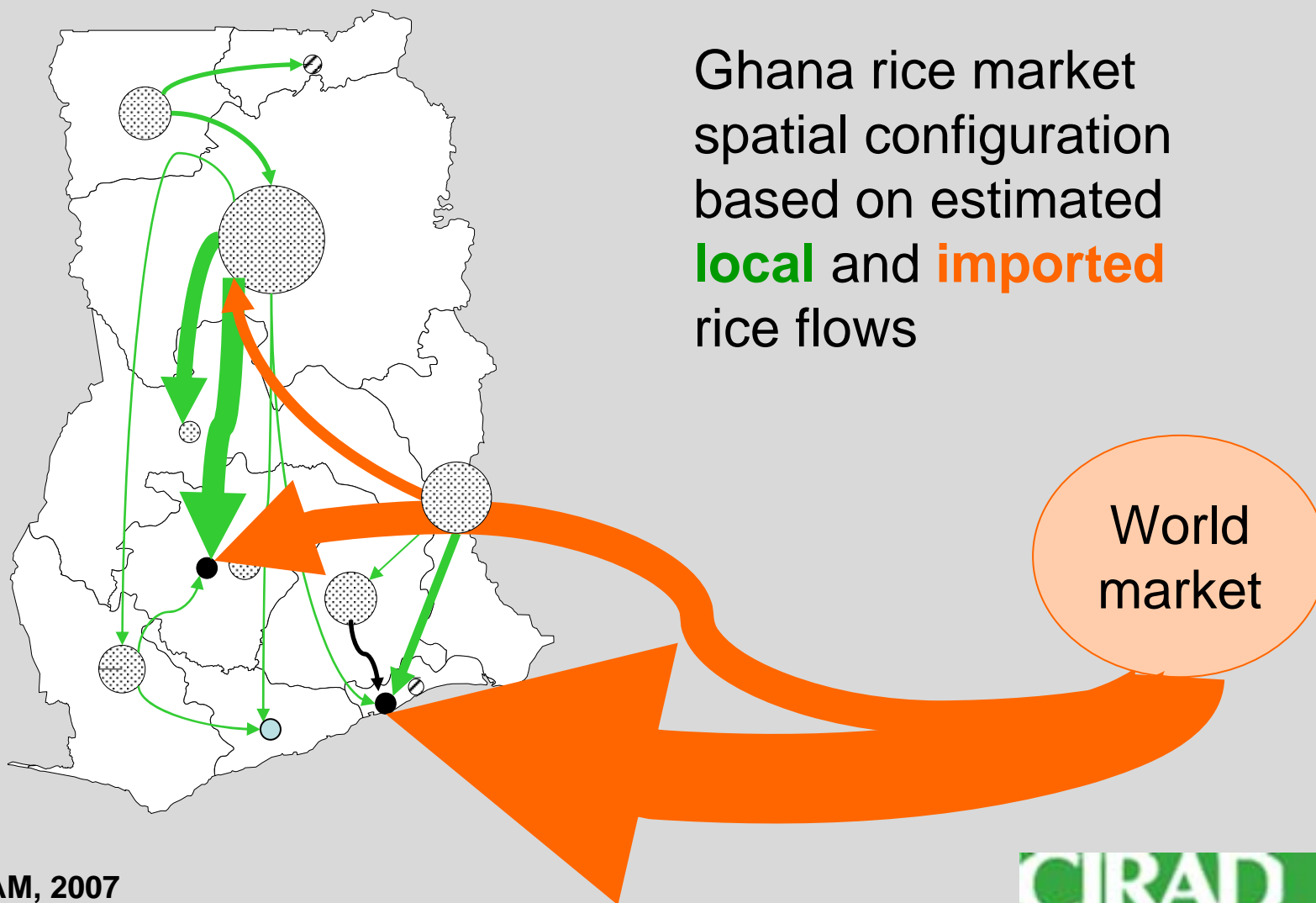
# Do only prices matter?

## Consumers' decisions making



Sources: WARDA- Africa Rice Centre, 2001 and 2003

# A rice domestic rice economy at the margin of major consumers centre



Sources: IRAM, 2007

# Enhancing food security through domestic rice marketing system building



- ☐ Public and market led policy show contrasted outcomes in terms of domestic rice production growth.
- ☐ The competitiveness of the domestic rice production is not solely determined by price and also relies on the marketability of the local rice.
- ☐ A sustainable strategy for increasing domestic rice production should also take into account West African “success stories” in local rice marketability enhancement.



Thank you for your attention

# A rice deficit growth linked to changes in rice consumption level



Consumption growth

